

REMARKS

A petition to extend the time for response by one (1) month is enclosed.

Claims 10 – 19 have been cancelled. Claims 20 - 29 have been added. Claims 20 – 29 are currently pending.

In the Office Action, claims 10 – 19 are objected to or are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §132(a), §112(a), and §112(b). Also, in the Office Action, claims 10 – 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over JP 07-313435 (JP'435).

With respect to the informality objections to claims 10 – 19 under 35 U.S.C. §132(a), §112(a), and §112(b), it is submitted that these objections are now obviated in view of the cancellation of claims 10 - 19.

It is also respectfully submitted that new claims 20 – 29 patentably define over the prior art of record. For example, JP 07-313435 (JP'435) does not teach or disclose the method for washing and drying items in a dishwasher recited in new claim 20 of the present application. Specifically, JP 07-313435 (JP'435) does not teach or disclose the step recited in claim 20 of the present application of executing a drying program, following completion of the washing program, such that, in response to both an interruption of the drying program resulting in the dishwasher no longer being in a program run state and a thereafter following restoration of the dishwasher to its program run state, a parameter value is measured and, in a first given circumstance, the drying program is resumed if a selected one of a predetermined deviation and an absence of the predetermined deviation from a nominal value is detected and, in a second given circumstance, a fresh cycle of a washing program and a drying program is initiated if the other

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of the predetermined deviation and the absence of the predetermined deviation is detected. Instead, JP 07-313435 (JP'435) discloses a method for remeasuring a drying cumulative time in the event that a drying operation of a dishwasher is detected and this prior art reference does not hint at the desirability of determining if a drying program should be resumed or, alternatively, if a fresh cycle of a washing program and a drying program should be initiated.

In view of the above, entry of the present Amendment and allowance of Claims 20 – 29 are respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned.

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